(d) what furth er steps are proposed to be taken by Government to improve the supply of electric power in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The energy generation in the country during 1985-86 was 170 Billion units and the target fixed for 1986-87 is 190 Billion units.

(b) and (c) Against the target of 190 Billion units during 1986-87, the generation expected is 186.5 Billion units. The shortfall will mainly be in the hydro generation on account of low hydel reservoir levels.

(d) The steps taken to improve the supply of power include expediting commissioning of new capacity, better utilisation of existing capacity, implementing short gestation projects, reducing transmission and distribution losses, implementation of energy conservation and demand management measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit States.

Anta Power Project

598. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) when the actual construction work at Anta power project in Kota district of Rajasthan will start;

(b) what is the total estimate of the project and how much amount has been spent so far; and

(c) by when it is likely to start generating power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) Construction work on the Anta power project, estimated to cost Rs. 316.74 crores, including the associated transmission system, has commenced and an amount of Rs. 84.15 lakhs was spent upto Jan., 1987.

(c) The first gas turbine unit would be commissioned in 24 months from the date of award of turnkey contract for the main plant equipment, with subsequent units following at intervals of two months each thereafter. The steam turbine unit would be commissioned in 36 months from the date of award of the turnkey contract.

Paper mills in the country

599. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of paper mills both in the public and private sectors set up by the Central Government till December 31, 1986 in each State;

(b) the total production of paper by these mills;

(c) whether this production is sufficient to meet the domestic requirement of paper;

(d) what steps have been taken by the Government to increase the production; and

(e) the total quantum ofpaper imported during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) As on 31st December, 1986 there are 288 mills in the country engaged in manufacture of paper and paper board. These include three mills set up in the Central Public Sector. The State wise position is given below:—

State/Union Territory	Total number of paper mills	Central Public Sector Units
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh .	14	..
Assam . . .	3	1
Bihar . . .	7	..

1	2	3
Chandigarh .	1	..
Gujarat . . .	42	..
Haryana . .	16	..
Himachal Pradesh .	11	..
Karnataka . .	14	1
Kerala . . .	2	..
Madhya Pradesh .	12	..
Maharashtra .	43	..
Nagaland . .	1	1
Orissa . . .	6	..
Pondicherry . .	1	..
Punjab . . .	15	..
Rajasthan . .	9	..
Tamil Nadu . .	18	..
Uttar Pradesh .	53	..
West Bengal .	20	..
TOTAL . . .	288	3

(b) The production of paper and paper-board during 1986 is estimated at 16 lakh tonnes.

(c) The production of paper and paper-board in the country more or less matches the consumption.

(d) A package of fiscal reliefs and concessions have been extended to the industry to enable it to increase production and improve capacity utilisation. These include excise concessions for small paper mills and also for use of non-conventional raw material, OGL facility for import of raw materials and reduction/waiver of import duties thereon, flexibility to manufacture all varieties of paper and and paper-board within the overall licenced capacity, delicensing of certain varieties of paper, etc.

(e) Import of paper is limited mainly to special type of papers *viz.* art paper and industrial paper like filter paper condenser and capacitor issue papers, base paper for laminates, etc. Full details with regard to import of different varieties of paper and paper board have not yet been published. However, the value of import of various items covered by the broad description "Paper, Paper-board and manufactures thereof" is estimated as follows:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Value
1984-85	55·19
1985-86	81·51

Cement production

600. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the production of cement in the country during the years 1983-84, 1984-85, 1985-86 and so far during the current financial year;

(b) what has been the target fixed for the production of cement during these years; and

(c) whether there have been any increase or decrease in the production of cement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Target and production of cement were as follows:—

(million tonnes)

Year	Target	Production
1983-84 . . .	28·00	27·08
1984-85 . . .	32·50	30·19
1985-86 . . .	33·50	33·13
1986-87 . . .	36·50	29·41 (upto Jan. '87)